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For: CIGARETTE PAPER HAVING)	
HEAT-DEGRADABLE FILLER)	
PARTICLES, AND CIGARETTE)	
COMPRISING A CIGARETTE)	
PAPER WRAPPER HAVING HEAT-)	
DEGRADABLE FILLER)	
PARTICLES)	

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace Claim 24 as follows:

24. (Amended) A cigarette paper of claim 18, wherein the heat degradable filler particles comprise monosodium phosphate, disodium phosphate, carnauba, polyethylene oxide, vinyl acetate, polymethacrylate, nitrocellulose, ethylene vinyl acetate, or mixtures thereof.